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PRESENTED TO THE BOARD

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,

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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Government of the Boston Board of Trade have the pleasure of placing before the members an account of proceedings upon the principal subjects which have engaged their attention since the organization of the Board.

At the regular meeting in November, a Report was made embracing many of these subjects, and the short time which has elapsed since has furnished them with but little new to communicate at the present time.

They deem it proper, however, on occasion of the Annual Meeting, to review what has been done and to give you some idea of the plan which it is proposed to pursue in order to accomplish the end for which our Board was incorporated.

1. *Committee of Inquiry into Causes of Shipwrecks.*

The many shipwrecks and serious accidents which have at all times happened to vessels and especially the sad losses of the past year, have occasioned the appointment of a Standing Committee, whose duty it is to inquire into and record the causes of any shipwrecks or serious accidents which may hereafter happen to vessels owned or insured in Boston, or the cargoes of which may be insured here. It is thought that this will result, in the course of a few years, in a very valuable statistical register of the causes of disasters at sea — valuable to underwriters, to all owners of vessels, and persons engaged in navigation—and particularly, that it will have an immediate good effect in

inducing to more care and attention to duty on the part of practical navigators.

The Report of this Committee will be submitted to you.

2. *Petition in favor of a change in the Revenue Laws.*

The subject of the revenue laws, as regards the seizure of vessels in certain cases because of attempts at smuggling made by persons on board, has been considered, and a petition to Congress asking for a change in the same has been sent to Washington.

3. *Petition in aid of Dr. Kane's Expedition.*

A petition has also been sent to Congress praying that the Secretary of the Navy may be authorized to send one or more vessels in aid of the expedition undertaken by Dr. Kane for the purpose of searching for Sir John Franklin.

4. *Circulation of Boston Newspapers.*

The influence of the press in our country is such that it has been deemed advisable to make inquiry into the circulation of our Boston commercial papers in the Western States. Travellers have complained of the small number taken at the Western hotels or to be found in the public reading rooms. The result of the inquiry shows a smaller circulation even than had been believed, and efforts are now making in connection with your Board, to increase it as much as possible.

5. *Grace on Sight Drafts.*

The subject of *allowing grace on sight drafts* was brought to the notice of the Government, with a view to *their recommending a practice* more in conformity with the usages of other commercial cities, but, this matter being regulated by special statute of Massachusetts, it was not considered advisable for the Board to take such a course. There appears to be quite a diversity of opinion in the community upon the subject, and the proper way of effecting a change will be to petition the Legislature for a change in the law.

6. *The Usury Laws.*

A Committee, composed of some of the most intelligent members of the Board, was appointed at your last meeting to consider the subject of the repeal of the usury laws, and to report at a special meeting of the Board, as to the expediency of petitioning the Legislature for their repeal.

This Committee is ready to report and a special meeting for the purpose will be held at the Meionaon Hall, on Wednesday Evening, the 31st inst., at 7½ o'clock.

7. *The Bankrupt Laws.*

A like Committee was appointed at the same time, to take into consideration the bankrupt laws of Massachusetts, and to report whether, in their opinion, any change in the same is desirable.

This Committee has the subject under consideration, and due notice will be given of a special meeting to be held to listen to the Report.

8. *Change of Banking Hours.*

A Committee has been appointed to consider the propriety of requesting the banks of Boston to extend the banking hours to three o'clock, instead of closing at two o'clock.

This Committee will report at the present meeting.

9. *Transport of Merchandise.*

Of all subjects, that which has most occupied the attention of your Directors till now, has been the transport of goods to our Western States. To one who has not duly considered it, it may seem a very simple affair and of no such great importance, whereas its importance can hardly be over-estimated.

Our whole commerce with the West and with the Canadas depends upon it, for commerce is but the interchange of productions of industry between people and people. We have a superfluity of manufactured goods in Boston which is needed by our Northern and Western friends, while they have a superfluity of corn and cattle which we

in our turn need. An interchange of these productions pre-supposes the existence of ways of transport, and according as this transport is safe, speedy, cheap and regular, will the extent of our commerce be.

With a full knowledge of these facts, we have expended millions upon millions to build railways, that our merchandise might be carried to consumers at the West, and that they in their turn might send us their productions. Now it is not sufficient simply to *possess* these ways of transport in a country as extensive as ours; there must be agreement, order and uniformity in the management of them, and the transport itself must be speedy, cheap, safe and regular. All these requisites must be obtained before we shall have come near *perfection*, though evidently they are not all equally necessary in all cases. For example, it is not necessary that a bale of dry goods should be transported with the same *speed* as milk and various sorts of fruits and vegetables; neither is it important that a case of valuable goods should be carried at as low a price as a barrel of flour of equal weight and bulk perhaps, but worth not a hundredth part as much. In all cases, however, it is necessary that transport should be *regular*, and that it should be regular in the *through* business as well as in the local business.

We cannot, as merchants, afford to sell our merchandise to Western customers on credit, any more than they can afford to buy of us, unless they can be sure of receiving their goods at the proper season to sell again. Neither can we purchase produce, nor can it be sent to us, with no certainty of the time when we shall receive it after it is sent.

We therefore hold it to be especially the duty of the railway companies to transact their freight business *regularly*, and what we want and aim to have is, that the companies whose roads run in connecting lines shall come to an understanding with each other, so that *through freight trains* may be run at different rates of speed and at prices proportioned to the speed, but all of them with the regularity of the passenger trains; and we want to know beforehand with certainty how much it will cost to

send our merchandise to any given point, and how long it will take to get it there.

Certainly no one can say that this is unreasonable, and we deem it as much for the interest of the railway companies as for that of the merchants and agriculturists, that it should be done.

Acting upon this principle, a Committee of the Government has endeavored to introduce into the management of some of our railways the system of *guaranteeing the time* within which they should agree to deliver at its destination, the merchandise entrusted to them for transport. It was first adopted—to their praise be it said—in the line of railway extending from Boston via Albany, to Chicago, to the north of Lake Erie, and being found to work well, it has since been extended over the line on the South Shore to Toledo and Chicago, and arrangements are upon the point of being completed for its extension to Cincinnati—the time and price being precisely the same as those from New York to the same places.

We regard it but as the beginning of the system just mentioned which we hope to see universally adopted. Not until it has become so, shall we realize its full benefit, for we repeat, just in proportion to the perfection of this art of transport will be the extent of our commerce.

It is an important question yet to be decided, whether the railway companies of the country shall attend to the details of the transport business, or whether this business had better be put entirely under the management of private individuals who shall make only general contracts with the railway companies for drawing the cars, while they attend themselves to all the details and take all the responsibilities of reception, forwarding and delivery of the goods.

This system has been already tried by enterprising individuals in connection with the passenger trains, and we believe with the best success.

Your Directors are of opinion that the whole business should be conducted by and on the responsibility of the railway companies, but that if it be really impossible for

them to adopt an uniform system and to make arrangements with each other, and agree upon terms with rival lines and *keep* to these terms in good faith, so that goods of all kinds can be shipped and transhipped without delay and forwarded from one end of the country to the other within a reasonable time, and at such rates as will pay suitably for the work done, that if they cannot do this, the sooner they give up the details of the business to private forwarding companies, the better.

From conversation with some gentlemen connected with railways, it is thought these companies would be very glad to have all the details of the goods department off their hands.

These remarks are not made in any captious spirit of fault-finding. It is cheerfully acknowledged that our railway officers yield not in ability to any among us, and doubtless a great deal of the difficulty and irregularity experienced in the transport of merchandise, arises from the depressed state of the railway interests of the country and from the inability of the companies to accomplish what they would under other circumstances gladly do.

But your Directors are desirous of making known clearly what is wanted by the whole mercantile interest of the country, as well as of the city, and particularly of informing the members of this Board—which is composed of all parties and of all interests, and numbers among its members many of the largest holders of railway stocks in the country—that they may make their influence felt in holding up this subject as one deserving the most careful consideration and immediate attention, and one upon which their own interests and the interests of the city of Boston are going to depend more than upon any other.

In connection with this subject, it is deemed proper to mention that among the new enterprises of the past year, a very important one has been the establishment of a line of first class steamers between Boston and Baltimore. By it, and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad—a road in every respect well appointed and furnished—we have another way of communication with the Ohio River.

One such way to the Ohio already exists by means of steamers direct from Boston to Philadelphia, and thence over the Pennsylvania Central Road to Pittsburg.

These two routes open to us, in connection with the Ohio River and the new railways which have been already opened in extension of the lines beyond Pittsburg and Wheeling, new and extensive facilities for the transport of goods to Cleveland, Sandusky and the Lakes, to Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and in fact to the whole West, and they are of singular importance to us at the present time, when a recommendation is earnestly made by the Canal Auditor of New York, that a toll should be levied by the State upon freight carried over the New York Railroads, in order to make up for deficiencies in the Erie Canal receipts.

Our direct line of communication by railway with the West is through the State of New York, and any tolls levied upon these roads must of course be paid by us or our customers in proportion to the quantity of our goods transported.

It is therefore very fortunate that we have these new and entirely independent routes opened to us.

10. *Reciprocity Treaty.*

The treaty between the United States and Great Britain, known as the Reciprocity Treaty, by which the fisheries are again opened to us, and free trade with the British North American Provinces established in a number of important articles, is a subject which has also received some attention from your Directors.

The laws required to be passed before it can take effect, have been already passed by the Congress of the United States, and by the Provincial Parliaments of the British North American Colonies; there is wanting now but the action of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and the subsequent proclamation of the President of the United States, for the treaty to go into immediate operation.

It is a treaty of great importance to us, and deserves particular mention upon the present occasion.

The five British North American Colonies now contain about two and three quarters millions of inhabitants, thus distributed: Canada something over two millions; Nova Scotia three hundred thousand; New Brunswick two hundred thousand; Newfoundland one hundred and six thousand; and Prince Edward's Island seventy-five thousand.

Each of these Colonies has a separate Government and Legislature, and to a certain extent they are wholly independent of each other. They have many interests in common, although the inhabitants of each colony differ widely in their pursuits. In Upper Canada, which contains one million of inhabitants, at least four-fifths of the people derive their subsistence wholly from agriculture and lumbering, while in Lower Canada, only a comparatively small portion of the people depend upon agriculture, the greater number being engaged in lumbering, the fur trade, and the fisheries. The population of Newfoundland is altogether dependent on the fisheries, including the taking of seals, usually termed the seal fishery. Turning to Prince Edward's Island, it is found that the inhabitants rely almost wholly on agriculture, with some attention to the building of small vessels, and occasional employment in fishing.

The people of Nova Scotia are differently employed according to the districts in which they reside. In the agricultural portions of that Province, they are all farmers; on the seaboard they are shipbuilders, fishermen and sailors, the latter engaged in coasting and the carrying-trade of the world, in vessels of their own build, wherever they can find employment.

In New Brunswick the population is about equally divided between farming, lumbering and ship-building, with a small portion engaged in the fisheries.

It will thus be seen that the pursuits of the people are various, and that while in some particulars their interests are identical, in others they are antagonistic.

The inward and outward trade of the five British North American Colonies amounts to about eighty millions of

dollars annually. The ships inward and outward, to and from foreign ports, exclusive of local trade, amounted in 1853, to near four millions of tons, and the aggregate of tonnage owned and registered in these colonies now amounts to five hundred thousand tons. They built and sold in England in 1853, one hundred and fifty thousand tons of new shipping. These ships are employed on every ocean, and the character of colonial ships is rapidly rising; they nearly equal the first class American and British ships, and the improvement in intellectual and moral character of colonial shipmasters and seamen is fully keeping pace with their improvements in naval architecture.

The British North American Colonies, though separated from us by several thousand miles of frontier, are geographically united to us, and the free exchange of merchandise in countries so situated is almost inevitable. Their present population is rapidly increasing and they are increasing in *material* wealth.

Some of the mutual advantages which the present treaty presents in *our own* particular relations with these provinces may be at once seen.

It opens another source from which to draw our breadstuffs, cattle, lumber and fuel, and our thickly settled manufacturing districts offer to the Provinces the best market in our country for the consumption of their products; while on the other hand, all our manufactures being admitted to the Provinces on as favorable terms as those of Great Britain or of any other country, we have a wide field open wherein to dispose of our surplus products, and offer them the important advantage of supplying themselves from first hands. The value of our exports to the Provinces is already one and a half millions a year, made up of stoves, iron and wooden wares and all sorts of Yankee inventions, and this amount, under free intercourse, will greatly increase.

The foreign imports into this district have increased in the last fifteen years from fourteen to forty-six millions of dollars, and, our market now offers—or should offer, if we

are true to ourselves—every inducement for the inhabitants of the Provinces to supply themselves here with foreign dry goods, teas, groceries, or whatever else they may need.

In connection with this, your Directors cannot refrain from mentioning incidentally, the great increase which is seen in the amount of goods sent in transit by way of Boston to the Canadas within the last few years—from twenty-five thousand dollars in 1849, to over five millions in 1854 ; nor from referring to the great facilities afforded by our harbor, by the improvements at East Boston, and the line of railway by which all our roads from Boston may be united—as eminently calculated to augment our commercial relations, for export as well as import, with the British North American Provinces, and with our whole Western country, and as of almost incalculable advantage to our railroads, if they only show themselves capable of doing the business.

But in connection with the Reciprocity Treaty, it is to the importance of the fisheries that your Directors wish at this time particularly to call your attention ; seventy per cent. of the tonnage employed in the whale, cod and mackerel fisheries in the United States belongs to Massachusetts, and Boston is the business centre.

By colonial construction of the convention between the United States and Great Britain of 1818, we were excluded from not less than four thousand miles of fishing ground. The valuable mackerel fishery is situated between the shore and a line drawn from the St. Croix river, southeast to Seal Island, and extending along the Atlantic coast of Nova Scotia,—about three miles distant from the coast,—around Cape Breton, outside Prince Edward's Island, across the entrance to the Bay of Chaleur ; thence outside the Island of Anticosta to Mt. Joly on the Labrador Coast, where the right of shore fishing commences. The coasts within these limits following their several indentations are not less than four thousand miles in extent, all excellent fishing ground. Before the mackerel fishery began to be closely watched and protected, our vessels absolutely

swarmed on the fishing ground within the spaces enclosed by the line mentioned.

Each of these vessels made two or three full fares in the season, and some thousands of valuable cargoes were landed every year in the United States, adding largely to our wealth and prosperity.

A sad contrast has since existed. From Gloucester only one hundred and fifty-six vessels were sent to the Bay of St. Lawrence in 1853. Of these not more than one in ten made the *second* trip, and even they did not get full fares the first trip, but went a second time in the hope of doing better. The principal persons engaged in the business at Gloucester, estimated that the loss in 1853 amounted to an average of one thousand dollars on each vessel, without counting that incurred from detention, delays, and damages from being driven out of harbor and from waste of time by crews. It was agreed by all parties that if their vessels could have had free access to the fishing grounds as formerly, the difference to that district alone would have been at least four hundred thousand dollars.

In 1853, there were forty-six vessels belonging to Beverly; thirteen of them went to the Bay in 1852, but owing to the restrictions, their voyages were wholly unsuccessful, and none went in 1853.

At Salem only two mackerel licenses were granted in 1853, and at Marblehead only six.

At Newburyport there are ninety fishing vessels; seventy of these went to the Bay for mackerel in 1853, but almost all of them, it is said, made ruinous voyages. At Boston only a dozen licenses were granted for this fishery in 1853, and very few of the one hundred vessels belonging to the towns of Dennis and Harwich, on Cape Cod—two-thirds of which are engaged in the mackerel fishery—went to the Bay for mackerel last year, because of the ill success attending the operations of the year previous. One of their vessels of one hundred tons burthen, manned by sixteen men, was six weeks in the Bay in 1853, and returned with only one barrel of mackerel.

Unless some change had taken place beneficial to the interests of our hardy fishermen, the northern fisheries would have been wholly ruined, and in all probability have entirely ceased except on a very limited scale on our own shores. The one hundred and fifty thousand tons of shipping employed in those fisheries, would have been obliged to seek employment elsewhere, and the product of the fisheries themselves, amounting to three or four millions of dollars annually, would have been lost to us. The present treaty opens to us again all these valuable fisheries, and our thanks are due to the distinguished statesmen who have labored in bringing it to a successful termination ; and your Directors are most happy to make mention of the services of Israel D. Andrews, Esq.—a gentleman whom we hope to have the pleasure of meeting to-day—who has worked most assiduously for the last four years in collecting and furnishing in his valuable reports almost all the information possessed on the subject, and without whose exertions, it is hardly too much to say, the treaty would never have been made.

The foregoing is a sketch of the principal subjects which have engaged the attention of your Directors since the organization of the Board, and the consideration of them has not been without a real practical result in the promotion of your interests. So far as we have gone, our Association has fully answered our expectations, but its organization is so recent, that sufficient time has not been given for developing the system which it is believed should be followed, if we would make our Board of Trade what it ought to be. An early occasion will be taken to submit some thoughts upon this subject for your consideration.

Some valuable statistical information of the imports, exports, tonnage and commerce of Boston, has been furnished by Mr. Andros, one of the Deputy Collectors of this District, to whose kindness and willingness to aid in giving information on these subjects, your Directors are most

happy to bear their testimony, as also to the obliging manner in which they have been prepared by the Clerks of the Customs who were employed.

Committees of Arbitration and Appeal.

The services of the members of these Committees have not yet been called into requisition. All the necessary arrangements have been made for the examination and recording of any cases which may be referred to them, and due notice to this effect given in the public papers. The Committees wait the pleasure of the members of the Board.

Members of the Board.

The whole number of persons admitted as members of the Board at its organization was	769
There have been since admitted,	10

Making a total of	779
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By the report of the Treasurer it will be seen that of those admitted at the organization, two hundred and thirteen have declined becoming members, are out of the country, or cannot be found.

The reason that this number is so great, is doubtless because almost all them were admitted without their knowledge or consent, and because they had no very definite idea of what we intended to do. A little consideration, we trust, will change their decision.

By-Laws.

It has been found by experience that a change in some of the By-Laws of the Corporation is much to be desired, and the following amendments have been proposed, which are now presented to the Board to be acted upon at the next regular meeting, on the first Monday in March.

The details of these amendments will be found *written* out in full in the printed copies of the By-Laws, which are now upon the table for the particular benefit of those

members of the Board who are interested in the subject, and who would like to refer to them. They are herewith formally proposed, and it is deemed sufficient to state generally, without going into each particular change of wording, that they consist principally in the admission of members—in making all the Standing Committees members of the Government—in giving authority to associate with Committees on particular subjects any members of the whole Board, with authority to act on that Committee as though members of the Government—in abolishing the four *regular* meetings of March, May, September and November, and making the necessary changes consequent thereupon—and striking out the word “Government” and inserting “Council” in the By-Laws and proposed amendments.

The By-Laws require (Section 2, Article 4,) that the following officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting:

1 President,
 3 Vice Presidents,
 1 Treasurer,
 24 Directors,
 5 Members of Committee of Arbitration,
 4 " " Appeal,
 3 " " Finance,
 5 " " Inquiry into Causes
 of Shipwrecks.

The ticket has been printed containing the names of the present Officers of the Government, with the exception of Wm. W. Tucker, Esq., and J. H. Wolcott, Esq., whose duties did not permit them to devote that attention to the Board which they thought it deserved, and who consequently requested that their names might not be again placed upon the list of Directors. The names of Wm. Blake, Esq. and Henry Lee have been placed there in their stead.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ISAAC C. BATES, *Secretary.*

BOSTON, JAN. 17, 1855.

The reading of the Report being finished, on motion of R. B. Forbes, Esq., it was ordered that the said Report be accepted and printed.

Peter Butler, Jr., Esq., Treasurer, then presented his account for the year, accompanied by the following Report, which was, on motion of Mr. Forbes, accepted and ordered to be printed with the Report of the Government.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Board of Trade in presenting his annual account to the 15th inst., has the honor to state

That the whole number of members admitted at the organization of the Board was	-	-	-	-	.	769
That there have since been admitted,	-	-	-	-	-	10
Making	-	-	-	-	-	779

That of these, 562 have paid their admission fee and first annual assessment—191 have declined to do so—20 are not to be found in the Directory—and 9 are absent and have not been seen.

From the 562 who have paid, he has received the sum of	-	-	-	-	-	.	\$3934 00
And he has paid for							
Advertising and printing,	-	.	-	-			556 69
Agents, (transport, &c.)	-	-	.	-			533 95
Office Furniture,	-	-	-	-	-		193 78
Books and Stationery,	-	-	-	-	-		158 44
Salaries,	-	-	-	-	-		1113 17
Rent of Office,	-	-	-	-	-		458 33
Miscellaneous Expenses, (travelling)	-	-					46 40
Postages,	-	-	-	-	-		16 04
Petty cash and Office expenses,	-	-	-	-	-		68 95
Leaving a balance in his hands of	-	-	-	-	-		\$788 25

which is deposited to the credit of the Board in the Market Bank.

PETER BUTLER, JR. *Treasurer.*
SAMUEL LAWRENCE, *President.*

BOSTON, JAN. 15, 1855.

BOSTON, JANUARY 17, 1855. The foregoing account has been examined and found to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM PERKINS, } *Auditors.*
GEORGE HYDE, }

STATEMENT of the declared value of Goods, Wares and Merchandise of the growth, produce and manufacture of the United States, EXPORTED from the District of Boston and Charlestown to Foreign Countries, during the years 1853 and 1854.

DURING THE YEARS		1853	1854
In American Vessels.	Quarter ending March 31st,	\$3,184,914	\$2,084,941
	“ “ June 30th,	3,115,380	2,078,925
	“ “ September 30th,	1,962,028	2,059,992
	“ “ December 31st,	2,350,707	2,450,255
Total in American Vessels.....		10,613,029	8,674,113
In Foreign Vessels.	Quarter ending March 31st,	768,286	934,822
	“ “ June 30th,	1,672,030	2,250,874
	“ “ September 30th,	1,745,472	2,587,796
	“ “ December 31st,	3,000,572	2,206,398
Total in Foreign Vessels,		7,186,360	7,979,890
“ “ American “ as above		10,613,029	8,674,113
Total.....		\$17,799,389	\$16,654,003

Exports of American Gold and Silver Coin and Bullion, included in above amount.

Gold in American Vessels.	Quarter ending March 31st,	\$14,283	\$40,856
	“ “ June 30th,	19,100	29,160
	“ “ September 30th,	12,431	2,300
	“ “ December 31st,	7,900	2,400
Total of gold in American Vessels,		53,714	65,716
Gold in Foreign Vessels.	Quarter ending March 31st,	417,000	714,040
	“ “ June 30th,	1,222,726	1,595,541
	“ “ September 30th,	1,264,543	2,146,623
	“ “ December 31st,	2,525,615	1,636,106
Total of Gold in For'n Vessels,		5,429,884	6,092,310
“ “ Amer'n “ ante		53,714	65,716
Total Exports of American Gold,		\$5,483,598	\$6,158,026

II.

STATEMENT of the declared value of Goods, Wares and Merchandise of the growth, produce and manufacture of foreign countries EXPORTED from the District of Boston and Charlestown to Foreign Ports, during the years 1853 and 1854.

		1853	1854
In American Vessels.	Quarter ending March 31st,	\$415,857	\$627,016
	“ “ June 30th,	515,121	607,957
	“ “ September 30th,	477,575	582,789
	“ “ December 31st,	365,656	574,317
	Total in American Vessels.....	1,774,209	2,392,079
In Foreign Vessels.	Quarter ending March 31st,	279,208	293,16 ⁸
	“ “ June 30th,	378,954	430,790
	“ “ September 30th,	220,047	301,710
	“ “ December 31st,	321,366	185,167
	Total in Foreign Vessels,	1,199,575	1,210,835
	“ American “ as above	1,774,209	2,392,079
	Total.....	\$2,973,784	\$3,602,914

Exports of Foreign Gold and Silver included in above account.

Gold in American Vessels.	Quarter ending March 31st,	\$4,827	\$17,803
	“ “ June 30th,	25,500	51,942
	“ “ September 30th,	35,930	
	“ “ December 31st,	42,194	37,170
	Total For'n Gold in Am. Vessels,	108,451	106,915
Gold in Foreign Vessels.	Quarter ending March 31st,	19,360	1,870
	“ “ June 30th,	35,329	46,950
	“ “ September 30th,	32,375	75,779
	“ “ December 31st,	108,999	6,608
	Total For'n Gold in For'n Vessels,	196,063	131,207
	“ “ American “	108,451	106,915
	Total Exp't of For'n Gold & Silver,	\$304,514	\$238,122

III.

STATEMENT of the declared value of both the Domestic and Foreign Exports from the District of Boston and Charlestown during the years 1853 and 1854, including Gold and Silver.

		1853	1854
In American Vessels.	Quarter ending March 31st,	\$3,600,771	\$2,711,957
	“ “ June 30th,	3,630,501	2,686,882
	“ “ September 30th	2,439,603	2,642,781
	“ “ December 31st,	2,716,363	3,024,572
	Total export in American Vessels,	12,387,238	11,066,192
In Foreign Vessels.	Quarter ending March 31st,	1,047,494	1,227,990
	“ “ June 30th,	2,050,984	2,681,664
	“ “ September 30th,	1,965,519	2,889,506
	“ “ December 31st,	3,321,938	2,391,565
	Total Export in Foreign Vessels,	8,385,935	9,190,725
	“ “ Am. Vs'ls as above	12,387,238	11,066,192
	Sum total of all Exports.....	\$20,773,173	\$20,256,917
	Of which, Gold and Silver.....	5,788,112	6,396,148

IV.

*STATEMENT of the declared value of Goods, Wares and Merchandise of the growth, produce and manufacture of Foreign Countries IMPORTED into the District of Boston and Charlestown during the years 1853 and 1854.

		1853	1854
In American Vessels.	Quarter ending March 31st,	\$6,168,201	\$6,614,025
	“ “ June 30th,	7,031,552	8,098,048
	“ “ September 30th,	7,685,858	7,846,258
	“ “ December 31st,	5,291,709	6,945,416
	Total Imports in American Vessels,	26,177,320	29,503,747
In Foreign Vessels.	Quarter ending March 31st,	4,222,629	6,235,861
	“ “ June 30th,	4,743,603	3,889,217
	“ “ September 30th,	4,942,328	4,328,746
	“ “ December 31st,	3,231,499	2,522,873
	Total Imports in Foreign Vessels,	17,140,059	16,976,697
	“ “ Am. V'ls as above	26,177,320	29,503,747
	Total Imports.....	\$43,317,379	\$46,480,444

*NOTE. There is included in this table the value of Articles, the product of the United States, brought back, as follows :

	1853	1854
For the year ending December 31st	\$31,674	\$45,478

V

STATEMENT exhibiting the declared value of Merchandise transported in Bond to Canada from the District of Boston and Charlestown during the years 1847 to 1854 inclusive.

1847	From January 1 to December 31.....	\$21,715 88
1848	“ “ 1 “ 31.....	24,348 38
1849	“ “ 1 “ 31.....	33,140 00
1850	“ “ 1 “ 31.....	151,817 00
1851	“ “ 1 “ 31.....	594,709 00
1852	“ “ 1 “ 31.....	1,966,172 00
1853	“ “ 1 “ 31.....	4,947,484 00
1854	“ “ 1 “ 31.....	5,269,048 00

4th quarter of 1854 partially estimated.

Total,.....\$13,008,434 26

VI

STATEMENT exhibiting the declared value of Canadian Produce transported in Bond to the District of Boston and Charlestown during the years 1850 to 1854 inclusive.

1850	From January 1 to December 31st.....	\$63,811 00
1851	“ “ 1 to “ 31st.....	119,551 00
1852	“ “ 1 to “ 31st.....	365,149 00
1853	“ “ 1 to “ 31st.....	604,035 00
1854	“ “ 1 to “ 31st.....	768,328 00

\$1,920,874 00

VII

STATEMENT exhibiting the number and tonnage of American and Foreign Vessels which entered into and cleared from the District of Boston and Charlestown during the years 1853 and 1854.

ENTERED.	1853			1854		
	No. Vessels.	Amount Tonnage.	No. Men.	No. Vessels.	Amount Tonnage.	No. Men.
Am. Vessels entered.						
Quarter ending March 31,	205	62,638	2,216	224	70,137	2434
“ “ June 30,	258	78,330	2808	293	94,303	3261
“ “ Sept. 30,	278	91,272	3079	287	106,135	3474
“ “ Dec'r 31,	196	64,926	2188	236	92,537	2960
	<u>937</u>	<u>297,166</u>	<u>10,291</u>	<u>1040</u>	<u>363,112</u>	<u>12,129</u>
Foreign Vessels entered.						
Quarter ending March 31,	116	25,135	1058	99	35,991	1159
“ “ June 30th,	602	90,515	4092	596	97,142	3959
“ “ Sept. 30th,	894	122,019	5516	857	129,672	5516
“ “ Dec. 31st,	494	78,097	3293	509	76,945	3315
	<u>2106</u>	<u>315,766</u>	<u>13,959</u>	<u>2061</u>	<u>339,750</u>	<u>13,949</u>
Total No. of Vessels ent'd	3043	612,932	24,250	3101	702,862	26,078
CLEARED.						
American Vessels cleared.						
Quarter ending March 31,	230	59,638	2261	258	69,622	2558
“ “ June 30th,	289	95,533	3302	269	83,616	3963
“ “ Sept. 30th,	248	73,845	2562	265	94,672	3123
“ “ Dec. 31st,	215	57,447	2115	241	80,716	2765
	<u>982</u>	<u>286,463</u>	<u>10,240</u>	<u>1033</u>	<u>328,626</u>	<u>12,409</u>
Foreign Vessels cleared.						
Quarter ending March 31,	128	35,830	1088	100	31,541	894
“ “ June 30th,	585	85,291	3655	569	92,669	3769
“ “ Sept. 30th,	862	122,720	5034	862	125,260	528
“ “ Dec. 31st,	533	82,108	3460	305	77,570	3205
	<u>2108</u>	<u>325,949</u>	<u>13,237</u>	<u>1836</u>	<u>327,040</u>	<u>13,150</u>
Total No. of Vessels cl'd.	3090	612,412	23,477	2869	655,666	25,559

STATEMENT exhibiting the number and tonnage of Vessels in the Coasting Trade, which entered into and cleared from the District of Boston and Charlestown during the years 1853 and 1854.

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TONNAGE of the District of Boston and Charlestown, December 31, 1854.

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X

STATEMENT *exhibiting the declared value of the Exports from the United States to Foreign Ports during the years 1845 to 1854 inclusive.*

Year ending June 30th.	Domestic Produce.	Foreign Produce.	Specie and Bullion.	Total Exports.
1845	\$98,455,330	\$7,584,781	\$8,606,495	\$114,646,606
1846	101,718,042	7,865,206	3,905,268	113,488,516
1847	150,574,844	6,166,754	1,907,024	158,648,622
1848	130,203,709	7,986,806	13,841,616	154,032,131
1849	131,710,081	8,641,091	5,404,648	145,755,820
1850	134,900,233	9,475,493	7,522,994	151,898,720
1851	178,620,138	10,295,121	29,472,752	218,388,011
1852	154,931,147	12,037,043	42,674,135	209,658,366
1853	189,869,162	13,096,213	27,486,875	230,976,157
1854	215,157,504	21,661,137	41,422,423	278,241,064

XI

STATEMENT *exhibiting the declared value of the Imports into the United States from Foreign Ports during the years 1845 to 1854 inclusive.*

Year ending June 30.	Dutiable.	Free Goods.	Specie and Bullion.	Total Imports.
1845	\$95,106,724	\$18,077,598	\$4,070,242	\$117,254,564
1846	96,924,058	20,990,007	3,777,732	121,691,797
1847	104,773,002	17,651,347	24,121,289	146,545,638
1848	132,282,325	16,356,379	6,360,224	154,998,928
1849	125,479,774	15,726,425	6,651,240	147,857,439
1850	155,427,936	18,081,590	4,628,792	178,138,318
1851	191,118,345	19,652,995	5,453,592	216,224,932
1852	183,252,508	24,187,890	5,505,044	212,945,442
1853	236,595,113	27,182,152	4,201,382	267,978,647
1854	272,546,431	26,327,660	6,906,162	305,780,253

GOVERNMENT, 1855.

PRESIDENT.

SAMUEL LAWRENCE.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

GEORGE R. SAMPSON, JAMES M. BEEBE,
TYLER BATCHELLER.

PETER BUTLER, JR., TREASURER.

DIRECTORS.

Enoch Train,	Alexander Strong,
Charles H. Mills,	James C. Converse,
Charles O. Whitmore,	Benjamin Callender,
James P. Thorndike,	Henry K. Horton,
Robert B. Forbes,	Abram French,
Jonathan Ellis,	Nathan B. Gibbs,
F. B. Cowninshield,	George C. Richardson,
Samuel T. Dana,	Silas Potter,
Samuel S. Lewis,	George W. Warren,
Otis Norcross,	William T. Glidden,
George Hyde,	William Blake,
Edward S. Tobey,	Henry Lee.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

<i>Of Appeals.</i>	<i>Of Arbitration.</i>	<i>Of Finance.</i>
George B. Upton,	James Read,	Jarvis Slade,
Albert Fearing,	N. C. Nash,	Israel Lombard,
James W. Paige,	S. R. Spaulding,	Zelotes Hosmer.
A. G. Farwell.	Andrew T. Hall,	
	William Perkins.	

Of Inquiry into Causes of Shipwrecks.

Robert B. Forbes,	Charles O. Whitmore,
George B. Upton,	William Perkins,
Lewis W. Tappan.	

ISAAC C. BATES, SECRETARY.

BOSTON BOARD OF TRADE.

LIST OF MEMBERS, 1855.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.	NAMES OF FIRM.	PLACE OF BUSINESS.	OCCUPATION.
Abbott, John C.	John C. Abbott,	17 Central St.	Shoe & Leather Dealer,
Adams, Charles, jr.	T. & C. Batcheller & Co.	65 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Dealer,
Adams, John J.	John J. Adams,	99 Washington St.	Brush Dealer,
Allen, Ephraim	E. Allen & Co.,	89 Milk St.	Woollen Goods Jobbers,
Allen, Frederick D.	Allen, Whiting, Lane & Washburn,	123 Milk St.	Dry Goods Jobbers,
Allen, Silas C.	Silas C. Allen,	6 Blackstone St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers,
Allen, Stephen G.	Stephen G. Allen,	31 Central St.	Iron and Steel Mer.,
Alley, John B.	Alley, Choate & Cummings,	3 Blackstone St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers,
Almy, Frederick	Almy, Patterson & Co.	115 Milk St.	Dry Goods Com. Mer.,
Almy, William	Almy, Patterson & Co.	115 Milk St.	Dry Goods Com. Mer.,
Amory, Charles	Manchester Print Works,	61 State St.	Treasurer,
Amory, William	Amoskeag Company,	65 State St.	Treasurer,
Appleton, William	William Appleton & Co.	35 Lewis Wharf	Merchants.
Appleton, Samuel A.	James W. Paige & Co.	141 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.,
Atherton, Samuel	Atherton, Stetson & Co.	34 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers,
Atherton, William	Atherton, Stetson & Co.	34 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers.
Babcock, Charles A.	A & A. Lawrence & Co.	82 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.,
Bacon, Levi	Williams, Bacon & Lund,	19 Fulton St.	Tanners & L'thr D'lrs,
Bacon, William B.	D. G. & W. B. Bacon,	97 State St.	Merchants,
Badger, George W.	Joseph Whitney & Co.	38 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather D'lrs,
Ballard, Joseph	Ballard & Prince,	7 Bromfield St.	Carpet Dealers,
Baker, George	Blanchard, Sherman & Co.	126 Commercial St.	Mer. & Ship Chandlers,
Baker, Richard, jr.	Wm. F. Weld & Co.	42 Central Wharf,	Merchants,
Bangs, Benjamin	Benjamin Bangs,	39 Lewis Wharf,	Merchant,
Barnard, George M.	George M. Barnard,	41 Commercial Whf,	Merchant,
Barnard, William P.	Lane, Lamson & Co.	47 Water St.	French Goods Imp'ters,
Barry, M. Olcott	Barry & Brothers,	21 Pearl St.	Dry Goods Importers,
Bartlett, Charles L.	Charles L. Bartlett,	16 Broad st.	Commission Merchants,
Bartlett, Levi	L. Bartlett & Co.	2 Long Wharf,	W. I. Goods Merchants,
Batchelder, Horace K.	Batchelder, Mann & Co."	128 State St.	W. I. Goods Merchants,
Batchelder, Samuel	Portsmouth Steam Factory,	31 Kilby St.	Treasurer,
Batcheller, Alfred H.	T. & E. Batcheller & Co.	65 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather D'lrs,
Batcheller, Hervey J.	T. & E. Batcheller & Co.	65 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather D'lrs,
Batcheller, Tyler	T. & E. Batcheller & Co.	65 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather D'lrs,
Bates, Benjamin E.	Bates Manufacturing Co.	40 State St.	Treasurer,
Bates, Edward C.	Edward C. Bates & Co.	85 State St.	Merchants,
Bates, Ives G.	Edward C. Bates & Co.	85 State St.	Merchants.
Bassett, George W.	George W. Bassett & Co.	40 Broad St.	Crockery Dealer,
Beal, James H.	James H. Beal & Bro.	3 Holmes' Block,	Furniture Dealers,
Beebe, James M.	James M. Beebe & Co.	35 Kilby St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.,
Benzon, Edmund L. S.	Naylor & Co.	11 Liberty Square.	Iron & Steel Merchants,
Bigelow, Horatio	Copper Falls Mining Co.	40 State St.	Treasurer,
Bird, A. Sigourney	J. A. & W. Bird & Co.	53 Chatham St.	Wholesale Druggists,
Blackburn, George	George Blackburn & Co.	55 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.,
Blake, George B.	Blake, Howe & Co.	4 State St.	Bankers and Brokers,
Blake, William	Blake, Bigelow & Co.	24 Water St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.,
Blanchard, Alfred	Blanchard, Sherman & Co.	126 Commercial St.	Commission Merchants,
Blanchard, John A.	Blanchard, Converse & Co.	83 Pearl St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.,
Blodget, Henry T.	Blodget, Clark & Brown,	80 Pearl St.	Hardware Dealers,
Blodget, John W.	J. W. Blodget & Co.	26 Pearl St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.,
Boardman, Benj. G. jr.	B. G. Boardman, jr.	35 Shoe & Leather St.	Hides & Leather D'lr,

NAMES OF MEMBERS.	NAMES OF FIRM.	PLACE OF BUSINESS.	OCCUPATION.
Bond, George W.	George W. Bond & Co.	127 Milk St.	Wool Brokers,
Bond, Henry	Henry Bond,	15 Blackstone St.	Hides and Leather D'lr
Boott, Kirk	Ward & Boott,	116 Milk St.	Dye Stuffs Merchants,
Bowker, Lovett H.	Bowker & Phipps,	21 Shoe & Leather St.	Shoe & Leather D'lr,
Bradlee, Frederick H.	Josiah Bradlee & Co.	46 Central Wharf,	Merchants,
Bradlee, James B.	Josiah Bradlee & Co.	46 Central Wharf,	Merchants.
Bramhall, Cornelius	Bramhall, Lewis & Co.	45 Milk St.	Dry Goods Com. Mer.,
Brett, William F.	Wm. F. Brett & Brother,	143 Federal St.	Dry Goods Jobbers,
Brewer Gardner,	Merriam, Brewer & Co.	57 Federal St.	Dom'c Gds. Com. Mer.,
Briggs, Enos	Enos Briggs & Co.	52 Chatham St.	Crockery Dealers,
Brigham, E. D.	E. D. Brigham & Co.	1 Long Wharf,	Merchants,
Brooks, George	Safford & Brooks,	1 Blackstone St.	Leather & Find'g Store,
Brooks, Henry C.	Crowell, Brooks & Co.	38 Commercial Whf.	W. I. Goods Merchants,
Brown, Charles S.	Charles S. Brown,	15 Custom House St.	Commission Merchant,
Brown, James	Little, Brown & Co.	112 Washington St.	Booksellers & Publish's,
Brown, William A. jr.,	Wm. A. Brown, jr. & Co.	138 Congress St.	Dry Goods Jobbers,
Brown, Vernon	Vernon Brown & Son,	5 Mch't's Exchange,	Ship Brokers,
Bryant, Seth	Seth Bryant,	76 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather D'lrs,
Bucknam, Jesse	Bucknam & Converse,	52 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather D'lrs,
Burbank, James	Burbank & Rose,	95 Pearl St.	Wholesale Cloth'g D'lrs,
Burnett, Joseph	Joseph Burnett,	39 Tremont St.	Apothecary,
Burrage, Alvah A.	Hill, Burrage & Co.	66 Milk St.	Woollen Goods Jobbers,
Burrage, Johnson C.	James M. Beebe & Co.	35 Kilby St.	Clerk,
Burrage, William	Burrage, Blake & Burrage,	35 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather D'lrs,
Bush, James P.	Bush & Wildes,	20 India Wharf,	Commission Merchants,
Butler, Peter, jr.	Butler, Keith & Hill,	118 Milk St.	Hardware Dealers.
Callender, Benjamin	Callender, Rogers & Co.	166 Congress St.	Hardware Dealers,
Callender, George	George Callender & Co.	43 Central Wharf,	Commission Merchants,
Callender, Henry	Nash, Callender & Co.	85 Broad St.	W. I. Goods Merchants,
Carroll, Charles H.	Charles H. Carroll,	29 Elm St.	Leather Dealer,
Carruth, Francis S.	Francis S. Carruth,	18 Custom House St.	Merchant,
Carruth, Nathan	Carruth & Sweetser,	25 Broad St.	Commission Merchant,
Carter, Joseph B.	Carter, Cooper & Co.	18 Pearl St.	Dry Goods Jobbers,
Chadwick, C. C.	Read, Chadwick & Dexter,	29 Milk St.	Dom'c G'ds Com. Mer.,
Chandler, John	John Chandler & Co.	6 Summer St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Ret.,
Chapin, Nathaniel G.	Fishers & Chapin,	19 So. Market St.	Provision Dealers,
Chapman, A. P.	A. P. Chapman & Co.	33 Kilby St.	Dry Goods Jobbers,
Chase, Hezekiah S.	Chase, Gibson & Co.	46 Water St.	Importers Shoe Findings,
Chase, Irah, jr.	Chase Brothers,	22 Congress St.	Iron Fence Manufac'rs,
Chilson, Gardner	Chilson, Richardson & Co.	99 Blackstone St.	Furnace, Range & c. Man.,
Chipman, Geo. W.	G. W. Chipman & Co.	152 Hanover St.	Dry Gds. & P'pr'h'ng D'lrs.
Choate, Charles	Alley, Choate & Cummings,	3 Blackstone St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers
Clark, B. C.	B. C. Clark & Co.	63 Commercial Wf.	Merchant,
Clark, John T.	Clark & Andrews,	59 Broad St.	Crockery Dealers,
Clark, William R.	Clark, Jones & Co.	222 Broad St.	West India Goods,
Clarke, Henry W.	Blodget, Clarke & Brown,	80 Pearl St.	Hardware Dealers,
Clement, J. S.	Clement, Salisbury & Co.	92 Milk St.	Dry Goods Jobbers,
Cobb, Baxter	Baxter Cobb,	55 Elm St.	Leather Dealer,
Codman, Edward	Edward Codman & Co.	95 State St.	Wine Merchants,
Coffin, George W.	G. Winthrop Coffin,	27 Central Wf.	Merchant,
Coffin, William E.	William E. Coffin & Co.	105 State St.	Iron Factors,
Colby, Gardner	G. Colby & Co.	22 Milk St.	Woollen G'ds Com. Mer.,
Collamore, John, jr.	J. Collamore, jr., & Co.	98 Washington St.	Crockery Dealers,
Comins, Linus B.	L. B. Comins & Co.	22 Dock Square	Patent Leather Dealers,
Converse, Edmund A.	Blanchard, Converse & Co.	83 Milk St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.,
Converse, James C.	Blanchard, Converse & Co.	83 Milk St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.,
Cook, William T.	Greenough, Cook & Co.	50 Congress St.	Hat & Fur Dealers,
Coolidge, John S.	J. S. Coolidge & Co.	51 Commercial Wf.	Merchants,
Cooper, A. K. P.	Carter, Cooper & Co.	18 Pearl St.	Dry Goods Jobbers,
Corey, Barney	Barney Corey,	33 So. Market st.	Merchant,
Cowing, Walter H.	Townsend, Mallard & Cowing	45 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers,
Cox, Charles M.	C. & M. Cox,	42 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers
Crane, Samuel D.	Sam'l D. Crane & Co.	53 India Wharf,	Merchants,
Crocker, Henry H.	Crocker & Sturgis,	61 Commercial Wf.	Merchants,
Crowell, H. G.	Crowell, Brooks & Co.	38 Commercial Wf.	W. I. Goods Merchants,
Crowninshield, F. B.	Old Colony R. R. Co.	1 Tremont St.	President,
Cunningham, John A.	Cunningham Brothers,	46 Central Wharf,	Merchants,
Cummings, John, jr.	Alley, Choate & Cummings,	3 Blackstone St.	Shoe & Leather D'lrs.
Curtis, Abner	Abner Curtis,	51 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather D'lrs.
Curtis, Caleb	Neptune Insurance Co.	64 State St.	President,
Curtis, Thomas B.	Brown, Brothers & Co.	63 State St.	Agent,
Cushman, Charles	Milton, Cushman & Co.	10 Milk St.	Dry Goods Importers,
Cutter, C. S.	James M. Beebe & Co.	31 Kilby St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.,

NAMES OF MEMBERS.	NAMES OF FIRM.	PLACE OF BUSINESS.	OCCUPATION.
Daggett, Henry L.	Henry L. Daggett,	29 Kilby St.	B't & Shoe & Find'g D'lr.
Dale, Eben	Johnson, Sewall & Co.	133 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Dale, Tharon J.	Johnson, Sewall & Co.	133 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Damon, Samuel G.	L. G. Damon & Co.	53 Hanover St.	Boot & Shoe Dealers,
Dana, Luther	Dana, Farrar & Hyde,	83 Broad St.	W. I. Goods Merch'ts,
Dana, Samuel T.	Dane, Dana & Co.	12 So. Market St.	Teas, &c. Merchants,
Dana, Stephen W.	Dana & Co.	27 Commercial Wf.	Commission Merch'ts,
Dane, J. F.	Jos. F. Dane & Co.	116 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather D'lers.
Davis, G. N.	George N. Davis,	52 Congress St.	Commission Merchant,
Davis, Wm. H.	Wm. H. Davis,	37 Broad St.	Pickles, &c. Manufact,
Dean, Henry	H. Dean & Co.	37 Commercial St.	Produce Dealers,
Deane, Charles	Waterston, Deane & Co.	27 Federal St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Denny, Daniel	Denny, Rice & Gardner,	90 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Dexter, F. Gordon	Wm. Appleton & Co.	35 Lewis Wharf,	Merchants.
Dimick, Jacob C.	Emerson, Cochrane & Co.	70 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather D'lers.
Dixwell, John J.	Massachusetts Bank,	65 State St.	President,
Doe, Joseph M.	Doe, Hazelton & Co.	42 Cornhill,	Furniture Dealers,
Dubois, George E.	Du Boise & Brother,	50 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Auc'ts.
Dunbar, William H.	Dunbar & Brothers,	23 Fulton St.	Shoe & Leather D'lers.
Dupee, James A.	Dupee & Perkins	19 State St.	Stock & Exc. Brokers,
Durant, Henry	Henry Durant,	9 Fulton St.	Commission Leather Mer.
Dutton, George D.	Dutton, Lamb & Stearns,	102 Milk St.	Commission Merchants,
Dutton, Ormond	Dutton, Richardson & Co.	31 Federal St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
Dwight, Edmund	Charles H. Mills & Co.	39 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Dyer, Ezra C.	Ezra C. Dyer,	62 Kilby St.	Calcutta Goods & C. Mer.
Earle, Ethan	Earle & Worcester,	24 Canal St.	Flour Dealers,
Eastman, C. J. F.	Eastman & Fellows,	89 Broad St.	Wholesale Grocers,
Eaton, Wm. S.	Newton, Eaton & Co.	85 Milk St.	Woollen Goods Jobbers,
Edmands, B. F.	Henshaw, Edmands & Co.	36 India St.	Wholesale Druggists,
Edmands, J. Wiley	J. W. Edmands,	31 Kilby St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Edwards, Henry	Insurance Co.	30 Kilby St.	Agent,
Edwards, Jacob, jr.	Edwards, Nichols & Richards,	23 Pearl St.	Dry Goods Jobbers,
Elder, W. H.	Potter, Elder & Nute,	57 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather D'lers,
Eldredge, Edward H.	O. Eldredge & Co.	7 Federal St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Eldredge, Oliver	O. Eldredge & Co.	7 Federal St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Ellis, Jonathan	Ellis & Newell,	35 India St.	Iron Merchants,
Ellison, James	James Ellison,	20 Broad St.	Metals, &c. Merchant,
Emerson, Hiram	Emerson, Cochrane & Co.	70 Pearl St.	Boot & Shoe Dealers,
Emmons, John L.	J. L. Emmons & Co.	32 So. Market St.	W. I. Goods Dealers,
Eustis, Wm. T.	Wm. T. Eustis.	164 Congress St.	Merchant.
Farnsworth, Ezra	Parker, Wilder & Co.	5 Pearl St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Farrar, Abijah W.	Dana, Farrar & Hyde,	83 Broad St.	W. I. Goods Merchants,
Farwell, Abel G.	A G. Farwell & Co.	8 Central Wharf,	Com. & Produce Mer.
Faulkner, Charles	Faulkner, Kimball & Co.	84 Milk St.	Commission Merchants,
Fay, Frank. B.	Fay & Co.	32 India St.	Commission Merchants,
Fay, Harrison	Harrison Fay & Co.	43 So. Market St.	Provision Dealers,
Fearing, Albert	Fearing, Thacher & Whiton,	25 Commercial St.	Merchants,
Fearing, James H.	Fearing & Whitney	8 Federal St.	Wholesale Clothing Dis.
Fenno, J. Brooks	Whitney, Fenno & Co.	15 Pearl St.	Dry Goods Importers,
Ferris, M. C.	Dane, Dana & Co.	12 So. Market St.	Teas, &c. Merchants,
Fessenden, Chas. B.	Charles B. Fessenden,	134 State St.	Commission Merchants,
Field, Benjamin F. S.	B. F. Field & Co.	52 Central Wharf,	Merchants,
Fisher, Francis	Fisher & Co.	23 Central Wharf,	Commission Merchants,
Fisher, Jabez	Fishers & Chapin,	19 So. Market St.	Provision Dealers,
Fisher, James T.	Fishers & Chapin,	19 So. Market St.	Provision Dealers,
Fiske, George A.	Loring Fiske & Co.	58 Pearl St.	Hardware Dealers,
Fiske, J. N.	J. N. Fiske,	4 Congress St.	Stock & Ex. Broker,
Flint, D. B.	Flint & Kent,	11 Long Wharf,	Lumber Brokers, &c.
Flint, James P.	Flint, Peabody & Co.	134 State St.	Commission Merchants,
Flint, Thomas	Flint & Carter,	72 Kilby St.	Hardware Dealers,
Forbes, John M.	J. M. Forbes,	48 State St.	Merchant,
Forbes, Robert B.	R. B. Forbes,	48 State St.	Merchant,
Foster, John	Foster & Taylor,	161 Milk St.	Wines, Imp. & Com Mer.
French, Abram	French, Wells & Co.	151 Milk St.	Crockery Dealers,
French, Hiram W.	French & Roberts,	45 Shoe & L'ther St.	Hides & Leather D'lers,
Frothingham, Saml. jr.	S. Frothingham, jr., & Co.	136 Congress St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Forness, E.	Edward Forness & Co.	51 Hanover St.	Shoe Dealers.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.

Gale, Milton
 Galloupe, C. W.
 Gardner, Francis
 Gardner, George
 Gardner, Henry J.
 Gay, Phineas E.
 Gibbs, Nathan B.
 Gibson, Charles L.
 Gilmore, Sanford
 Glidden, W. T.
 Glover, Joseph B.
 Goddard, Benjamin
 Gookin, Samuel H.
 Gore, George P.
 Gorham, James L.
 Gould, Benjamin A.
 Gove, John
 Grant, Moses
 Gray, Francis C.
 Gray, George H.
 Gray, Thomas
 Gray, Joseph H.
 Greenough, James
 Greenough, William
 Greenough, W. W.
 Gregory, F. E.
 Greig, George
 Groom Thomas
 Guild, Chester
 Guild, Frederic

NAMES OF FIRM.

M. Gale & Co.
 Whiting, Kehoe & Galloupe,
 Gardner & Thayer,
 Geo. Gardner & Co.
 Denny, Rice & Gardner,
 P. E. Gay & Co.
 Benjamin Burgess & Son,
 Chase, Gibson & Co.
 Gilmore & Cole,
 Glidden & Williams
 Charles B. Glover & Co.
 Benj. Goddard,
 Sweetser, Gookin & Co.
 Ball, Brigham & Co.
 J. Whitney & Co.
 Benj. A. Gould,
 John Gove & Co.
 Grant, Daniel & Co.
 Francis C. Gray,
 G. H. Gray & Danforth,
 Thomas Gray & Co.
 Blanchard, Converse & Co.
 Greenough, Cook & Co.
 W. Greenough,
 Boston Gas Co.
 Dutton, Richardson & Co.
 George Greig & Co.
 Thomas Groom & Co.
 Chester Guild & Sons.
 Guild, White & Co.

PLACE OF BUSINESS.

31 No. Market St.
 14 Federal St.
 8 Liberty Square,
 5 Liberty Square,
 90 Milk St.
 145 Milk St.
 38 India Whf.
 46 Water St.
 69 Pearl St.
 29 Lewis Whf.
 132 Milk St.
 39 Central Whf.
 21 Federal St.
 86 Pearl St.
 38 Pearl St.
 20 Union Whf.
 36 Merchants' Row,
 28 Union St.
 5 Park St.
 235 Broad St.
 17 India Whf.
 83 Pearl St.
 50 Congress St.
 14 Merchants' Row,
 102 Washington St.
 29 Federal St.
 81 State St.
 87 State St.
 16 Blackstone St.
 40 No. Market St.

OCCUPATION.

Oil & Leather D'r,
 Wholesale Clothing Dlr.
 Hardware Dealers,
 Merchants,
 Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
 Iron & Steel Merchants,
 Commission Merchants,
 Imp. Shoe Findings,
 Shoe & Leather Dealers,
 Merchants,
 Commission Merchants,
 Merchant,
 Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
 Shoe & Leather Dealers,
 Shoe & Leather Dealers,
 Merchant,
 Wholesale Clothing Dlr.
 Paper Dealers,
 Counsellor,
 Domestic Hardware Dlr.
 Commission Merchants,
 Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
 Hat and Fur Dealers,
 Hardware Dealer,
 Agent,
 Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
 Com. Mer. & Ship Agents,
 Stationers,
 Leather Dealers,
 Leather Dealers.

Hale, Theodore P.
 Hall, Andrew T.
 Hall, John W.
 Hall, Martin L.
 Hallet, Henry S.
 Harding, Samuel L.
 Harding, W. H.
 Harris, Horatio
 Hartt, John
 Harwood, Daniel
 Hastings, Joseph S.
 Haughton, James
 Hawes, James P.
 Hawes, Prince
 Hayward, James T.
 Hayward, John D.
 Hazelton, J. E.
 Head, Charles D.
 Hendee, Charles J.
 Henshaw, Joseph L.
 Henshaw, Samuel
 Hersey, C. W.
 Higginson, George
 Hill, Hamilton A.
 Hill, Noble H.
 Hill, R. B.
 Hilton, William
 Hittinger Jacob
 Homer, Charles
 Homer, C. W.
 Homer, William F.
 Hood, George
 Hooper, Henry N.
 Hooper, Samuel
 Hopkinson, Thomas
 Horton, D. W.
 Horton, Henry K.
 Hosmer, Zclotes
 Hovey, G. O.
 Howard, Benjamin,
 Howard, Edward
 Howland, Edwin

Theodore P. Hale,
 Andrew T. Hall,
 Hall, Fowle & Tufts,
 M. L. Hall & Co.
 Henry S. Hallett,
 Samuel L. Harding,
 Blanchard, Converse & Co.
 H. Harris & Co.
 Boyd & Hartt,
 Campbell & Harwood,
 J. S. Hastings & Son,
 Haughton. Sawyer & Co.
 Prince & J. P. Hawes,
 P. & J. P. Hawes,
 Hayward, French & Fuller ,
 Alexander Strong & Co.
 Doe, Hazelton & Co.
 Head & Perkins,
 Charles J. Hendee,
 S. Henshaw & Sons,
 S. Henshaw & Sons,
 Hersey, Bailey & Co.
 Lee, Higginson & Co.
 Hill, Sears & Co.
 Hill, Burrage & Co.
 Butler, Keith & Hill,
 William Hilton,
 Jacob Hittinger,
 Homer & Sprague,
 Homers & Ladd,
 William F. Homer & Co.
 George Hood,
 H. N. Hooper & Co.
 William Appleton & Co.
 Worcester R. R. Co.
 Horton, Hall & Co.
 F. Skinner & Co.
 Zclotes Hosmer,
 J. C. Howe & Co.
 Benjamin Howard,
 Howard & Davis,
 Edwin Howland & Co.

69 Water St.
 114 Milk St.
 45 Federal St.
 2 Market Sq.
 19 India St.
 77 Pearl St.
 83 Pearl St.
 19 India St.
 118 Pearl St.
 79 Pearl St.
 25 Doane St.
 26 Pearl St.
 22 Central Whf.
 22 Central Whf.
 19 Long Whf.
 61 Pearl St.
 42 Cornhill,
 45 State St.
 131 Washington St.
 4 Merchants Exchg.
 4 Merchants Exchg.
 108 Pearl St.
 40 State St.
 21 Commercial Wf.
 66 Milk St.
 118 Milk St.
 139 Milk St.
 70 State St.
 36 India Whf.
 13 Union St.
 15 Union St.
 57 Hanover St.
 58 Commercial St.
 35 Lewis Whf.
 Depot,
 114 Milk St.
 91 Milk St.
 110 Milk St.
 26 Federal St.
 27 Central Whf.
 34 Water St.
 53 Central Whf.

Dry Goods Jobber,
 Merchant,
 Dry Goods Com. Mer.
 W. I. Goods Dealers,
 Merchant,
 Palm-leaf Hats Dealer,
 Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
 Auct. & Com. Mer.
 Shoe & Leather Dlr.,
 Shoe & Leather Dlr.,
 Crockery Importers,
 Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
 Merchants,
 Merchants,
 W. I. Goods Merchants
 Shoe & Leather Dlr.,
 Furniture Dealers,
 Stock and Exch. Brokers,
 Merchant,
 Exchange Brokers,
 Exchange Brokers,
 Shoe & Leather Dlr.
 Stock & Exch. Brokers,
 Commission Mer.
 Woollens, Imp. & Job.
 Hardware Dealers,
 Wool. Com. Merchant,
 Merchant,
 Merchants,
 Hardware Dealers,
 Crock. & Paper Hang's.
 Shoe & Leather Dlr.
 Copper Dealers,
 Merchants,
 President,
 Hardware Dealers,
 Do. Goods & Com. Mer.
 Hardware Dealer,
 Do. Goods & Com Mer.
 Commission Merchant,
 Clocks & Balances Mer.
 Merchants,

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Howland, Ichabod	Otis Norcross & Co.	23 So. Market St.	Crockery Dealers,
Howe, George	George Howe.	13 Exchange St.	Merchant,
Howe, J. Murray,	Blake, Howe & Co.	4 State St.	Bankers & Brokers,
Howe, J. N.	New England Glass Co.	Batterymarch St.	Agent,
Hull, E. B.	E. B. Hull & Co.	98 North St.	Hides & Leather Dlr.
Humphrey, William	William Humphrey,	50 Commercial St.	Merchant,
Hunt, Moses	M. Hunt & Co.	35 Fulton St.	Leath. & Mach'y Mer.
Hunt, Thomas J.	Hunt & Lane,	21 Exchange St.	Boot & Shoe Dealers,
Hutchins, Ezra C.	Hutchins, Hurd & Co.	6 So. Market St.	W. I. Goods Dealers,
Hyde, George	Dana, Farrar & Hyde,	83 Broad St.	W. I. Goods Dealers.
Jackson, P. T.	Charles H. Mills & Co.	39 Milk St.	Dom. G'ds Com. Mers.
Jarvis, Deming	Sandwich Glass Co.	51 Federal St.	Agent,
Jewett, David B.	Jewett, Tebbetts & Co.	78 Milk St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
Jewett, John P.	John P. Jewett & Co.	117 Washington, St.	Booksellers & Publishers,
Johnson, C. B.	E. A. & E. Winchester,	16 So. Market St.	Soap & Candle Manuf.
Johnson, George	George Johnson,	21 Commercial St.	Com. Merchant,
Johnson, James	Johnson, Sewall & Co.	133 Milk St.	Am. Goods Com. Mer.
Johnson, Samuel, jr.	Charles F. Hovey & Co.	33 Summer St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Ret.
Jones, Frederick	F. Jones & Co.	102 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers,
Jones, George B.	Jones, Ball & Co.	226 Washington St.	Jewellers,
Jones, Joseph E.	Brigham, Jones & Co.	26 Long Wharf,	Wholesale Grocers,
Jones, Nahum	N. Jones & Co.	106 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers,
Jones, William	Jones, Turrill & Co.	49 Milk St.	Woollens Imp. & Job.
Jordan, E. D.	Jordan, Marsh & Co.	129 Milk St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
Kaulback, J. G., jr.	N. E. Protective Union,	93 Water St.	Agent,
Kehoe, M. jr.	Whiting, Kehoe & Galloupe,	14 Federal St.	Wholesale Clothing Dlr.
Keith, B. R.	Butler, Keith & Hill,	118 Milk St.	Hardware Dealer,
Keith, Charles E.	Keith, Brothers & Co.	112 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers,
Kellogg, Charles D.	Kellogg, Cobb & Co.	51 Water St.	Hardware Dealers,
Kendall, Abel	Kendall, McDonald & Stetson,	3 Pearl St.	Woollens Imp. & Job.
Kendall, C. G.	Kendall, McDonald & Stetson,	3 Pearl St.	Woollens, Imp. & Job.
Kendall, T. C.	Whitney, Kendall & Co.	1 Fulton St.	Hides & Leather Dlr.
Kettell, Jno. B.	Kettell, Collins & Co.	7 Doane St.	Commission Merchants,
Kidder, Henry P.	Henry P. Kidder,	8 Union Building,	Broker,
Kimball, Daniel	Daniel Kimball & Co.	23 Milk St.	Commission Merchants,
Kimball, J. B.	J. B. Kimball & Co.	75 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers,
Kimball, John S.	J. S. Kimball & Co.	30 Central Whf.	Commission Merchants,
Kimball, M. Day	Faulkner, Kimball & Co.	84 Milk St.	Commission Merchants,
Kimball, Otis	Vermont Central R. R.	108 State St.	Agent,
Kingman, Abner	Gassler & Co.	31 India Whf.	Merchants,
Kuhn, G. H.	George H. Kuhn,	40 State St.	Merchant.
Larkin, Charles	Larkin & Stackpole,	43 Commercial Whf.	Commission Merchants,
Lawrence, Abbott	A. & A. Lawrence & Co.	82 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Lawrence, Abbott, Jr.	James W. Paige & Co.	151 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Lawrence, James	A. & A. Lawrence & Co.	82 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Lawrence, Samuel	Lawrence, Stone, & Co.	4 Milk St.	Manufact. & Com. Mer.
Lawrie, A. B.	Mackintire, Lawrie & Co.	58 Federal St.	Commission Merchants,
Lee, Henry	Henry Lee,	4 Bedford Place,	Merchant,
Lee, James W.	James W. Lee & Co.	43 Pearl St.	Straw Goods Dealers,
Lee, James, jr.	James Lee & Co.	18 India Wharf,	Commission Merchants,
Lee, John C.	Lee, Higginson & Co.	40 State St.	Stock and Ex. Brokers,
Lee, John R.	Cabot, Lee & Co.	49 Central Wharf,	Merchants,
Lemist, George H.	George H. Lemist,	45 Milk St.	Merchant,
Lester, C. H.	Tucker & Lester,	54 Pearl St.	Shoe and Leather Aucts.
Lewis, C. P.	Wm. K. Lewis & Co.	93 Broad St.	Pickles, &c. Manufact.
Lewis, S. S.	B. & R. M. S. P. Company,	1 Commercial Whf.	Agent,
Lincoln, Ezra.	Ezra Lincoln,	4 Court St.	Engineer,
Lincoln, M. S.	M. S. Lincoln & Co.	33 Water St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
Lincoln, W. S.	F. Skinner & Co.	91 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Lindsley, J. C.	Lindsley & Shaw,	22 Central St.	Shoe & Leath. Dealers,
Little, Charles C.	Little, Brown & Co.	112 Washington St.	Booksellers and Pub.
Little, James L.	Little, Alden & Co.	128 Congress St.	Dry Goods Importers,
Livermore, George	Erickson, Livermore & Co.	98 Pearl St.	Wool Dealers,
Livermore, Isaac	Isaac Livermore,	9 Merchants' Exch.	Merchant,
Locke, Edward	Edward Locke & Co.	63 Congress St.	Wholesale Cloth'g D lrs.
Lombard, Ammi C.	Ammi C. Lombard,	49 Lewis St., E. B.	Merchant,
Lombard, Israel	Lombard & Whitmore,	85 State St.	Commission Merchants,
Lord, George C.	George C. Lord & Co.	73 Long Wharf,	Commission Merchants,
Lord, Joseph H.	Phoenix Glass Works,	66 Broad St.	Agent,
Loring, Benj. T.	Loring & Phillips,	46 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leath. Dealers.

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Lovering, Joseph S. Low, Ariel Lund, C. G. Lyman, George T. Lyman, William P.	C. Stoddard & J. S. Lovering Ariel Low, Williams, Bacon & Lund, G. T. & W. P. Lyman, G. T. & W. P. Lyman,	33 Milk St. 20 Blackstone St. 19 Fulton St. 97 State St. 97 State St.	Dry Goods Importers, Hides & Leath. Dealer, Tanners & Leath. Drls. Merchants, Merchants.
Mackintire, C. P. Macomber, J. F. Maguire, James F. Mallard, Warren	Mackintire, Lawrie & Co. Horton, Hall & Co. James F. Maguire & Co. Townsend, Mallard & Cow- ing,	58 Federal St. 114 Milk St. 100 Pearl St. 45 Pearl St.	Commission Merchants, Hardware Dealers, Shoe and Leath. Dealers, Shoe and Leather Aucts.
Mann, A. W. Mandell, M. J. Manning, Francis C. Manning, Uriah, Marsh, B. S. Mason, Robert N. May, John J. Maynard, Waldo Mayo, John M. McGilvray, D. F. McGregor, James Melledge, James P. Mellen, Henry A. Meriam, Levi B. Merriam, Charles Mills, Charles H. Mills, Lewis Mitchell, Nathaniel Morrill, Charles J. Moseley, Alexander	Batchelder, Mann & Co. Stephen Brown & Sons, Manning, Stanwood & Co. U. Manning & Son, Jordan, Marsh & Co. Mason and Lawrence, May & Co. Maynard & Noyes, John M. Mayo & Co. McGilvray, Wyman & Co. James McGregor & Co. James P. Melledge, Mellen & Co. Levi B. Meriam, Merriam, Brewer & Co. Charles H. Mills & Co. Tucker, Newton & Mills, N. Mitchell & Sons, Baker & Morrell, Moseley, Dunn & Frye,	128 State St. 28 State St. 15 Central Wharf, 69 Fulton St. 129 Milk St. 17 Milk St. 1 Broad St. 11 Merchants Row, 5 India Wharf, 47 Federal St. 7 Central Wharf. 166 Broad St. 18 Merchants Row, 35 India St. 57 Federal St. 39 Milk St. 25 Federal St. 117 Milk St. 98 Commercial St. 37 Shoe & Leath. St.	W. I. Goods Merchants, Stock and Exch. Brokers, W. I. Goods Merchants, Curriers and Leath. Drls. Dry Goods Imp. and Job. Dom. Goods Com. Mer. Hardware & Metal Mer. Manufacturers of Ink, Merchants, Dry Goods Imp. and Job. Tea Merchants, Merchant, China Ware Dealers, Merchant, Dom. Goods Com. Mer. Dom. Goods Com. Mer. Dom. Goods Com. Mer. Saddlery Hardware Drls. Commission Merchants, Hides and Leather Drls.
Nash, N. C. Nazro, Charles G. Newton, Ralph W. Nickerson, Pliny Nichols, Lyman Norcross, Loring Norcross, Otis Norcross, W. Roland Nute, L. W. Nutting, D. W.	Nash, Callender & Co. B. C. Clark & Co. Tucker, Newton & Mills, Nickerson & Co. L. Nichols & Co. Loring Norcross, Otis Norcross & Co. Mellen & Co. Potter, Elder & Nute, William B. Spooner & Co.	87 Broad St. 63 Commercial Whf 25 Federal St 1 Commerce St. 20 Federal St. 24 Pearl St. 23 So. Market St. 18 Merchants Row, 57 Pearl St. 123 Congress St.	W. I. Goods Merchants, Merchants. Dom. Goods Com. Mer. Commission Merchants, Dry Goods Imp. & Job. Commission Merchants, Croc. & Pap. Hang. Drls. China Ware Dealers, Shoe & Leather Dealers, Hides & Leath. Dealers.
Osgood, J. H.	J. H. Osgood,	90 Pearl St.	Auctioneer.
Page, William Paige, James W. Palmer, S. G. Parker, Charles H. Parker, Ebenezer Parker, Edwin Parker, F. J. Parker, Isaac Parker, James M. Parrott, W. F. Parsons, Samuel Patterson, Enoch, jr. Peabody, Alfred Pearce, S. H. Pearson, J. H. Perkins, William Perkins, T. Henry Peirce, Henry A. Peters, Edward D. Peters, Edward D. jr. Phillips, Moses D. Pickering, Arthur Pierce, Charles W. Pierce, Samuel B. Pierce, William P. Plumer, Avery, jr. Pond, Moses	Page, Briggs & Babbitt, J. W. Paige & Co. Stevens G. Palmer, A. & A. Lawrence & Co. E. Parker & Son, Edwin Parker, Parker, Wilder & Co. Parker, Wilder & Co. Parker, White & Gannett, William F. Parrott, S. Parsons & Co. Patterson, Balch & Co. Flint, Peabody & Co. S. H. Pearce & Co. J. H. Pearson & Co. William Perkins, Dupee & Perkins, Henry A. Peirce, E. D. Peters & Co. Peters, Chase & Co. Phillips, Sampson & Co. Arthur Pickering, Pierce, Clark & Co. Samuel B. Pierce, Pierce, Howe & Co. Plumer & Co. M. Pond & Co.	1 So. Market St. 141 Milk St. 72 Pearl St. 82 Milk St. 126 Milk St. 27 India St. 5 Pearl St. 5 Pearl St. 47 Blackstone St. 45 Central Whf. 9 Federal St. 107 Milk St. 134 State St. 71 Federal St. 75 Long Whf. 49 Commercial Whf. 19 State St. 65 Commercial St. 12 Central Whf. 50 Broad St. 13 Winter St. 7 Long Whf. 98 Milk St. 51 Broad St. 74 Milk St. 15 Commercial Whf. 77 Blackstone St.	Iron, Steel, &c. Mer. Dom. Goods Com. Mer. Shoe and Leather Dlr. Do. Goods and Com. Mer. Tobacco Merchants, Commission Merchant, Dom. Goods Com. Mer. Dom. Goods Com. Mer. Agricultural Tools Mer. Merchant, Dry Goods Imp. & Job. Dry Goods Imp. & Job. Commission Merchants, India. & Europ. Silk Imp. Merchants, Merchant, Stock and Exch. Brokers, Merchant, Commission Merchants, Wholesale Grocers, Booksellers & Publishers, Merchant, Dry Goods Imp. & Job. Merchant, Dry Goods Imp. & Job. Flour and Com. Mer. Range and Stove Manuf.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.

NAMES OF FIRM.

PLACE OF BUSINESS.

OCCUPATION.

Poor, Benjamin	Benjamin Poor,	29 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Poor, Henry	H. Poor & Son,	84 North St.	Hides and Leather Dlr.
Potter, Henry	Potter & Demmon,	5 City Whf.	Prov. Dlr. & Com. Mer.
Potter, Silas	Potter, Elder & Nute,	57 Pearl St.	Shoe and Leather Dlr.
Pottle, J. W.	J. W. Pottle & Co.	30 Central Whf.	Shipping and Com. Mer.
Pratt, George L.	Pratt & Townsend,	46 India Whf.	Merchants,
Pratt, Isaac, jr.	Isaac Pratt, jr.	134 Milk St.	Merchant,
Pratt, Joseph	Bowers, Pratt & Co.	137 Milk St.	Hol. Ware & Sto. Mer.
Prince, Charles A.	Ballard & Prince,	7 Bromfield St.	Carpet Dealers,
Pulsifer, David	D. Pulsifer & Co.	2 Market Sq.	Provision Dealers,
Putnam, J. Pickering,	Bost. Manuf. Co. and others,	71 Milk St.	Treasurer,
Putnam, Joshua H.	Alexander Strong & Co.	11 Pearl St.	Shoe and Leather Dlr.

Raymond, C. B.	Fullerton & Raymond,	147 Milk St.	Commission Merchants,
Read, James	Read, Chadwick & Dexter	29 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Revere, John	Revere Copper Co.	97 State St.	Agent,
Reynolds, Wm. B.	Wm. B. Reynolds & Co.	33 Commercial Wf.	Commission Merchants,
Richards, Joel	Atkinson, Rollins & Co	51 Central Whf.	Merchants,
Richards, R. A.	Richards & Co.	41 So. Market St.	Metals Merchants,
Richards, W. B.	Richards & Co.	41 So. Market St.	Metals Merchants,
Rich, Otis	Otis Rich,	45 Pearl St.	Merchant,
Rice, Aaron	A. Rice & Co.	4 Central Whf.	Merchants,
Rice, Alexander H.	Rice & Kendall,	16 Water St.	Paper Dealers,
Rice, Charles	Charles Rice,	84 Pearl St.	Palm leaf Hats, Mer.
Rice, G. T., jr.,	Stanfield, Wentworth & Co.	4 Pearl St.	Dry Goods Com. Mer.
Rice, H. A.	Denny, Rice & Gardner,	90 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Rice, Lewis	American House,	Hanover St.	Proprietor,
Richardson, George C.	Dutton, Richardson & Co.	29 Federal St.	Dry Goods Imp. and Job.
Richardson, W. H. H.	Richardson, Kendall & Co.	97 Milk St.	Woollens Imp. and Job.
Rindge, Samuel B.	Parker, Wilder & Co.	5 Pearl St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Robinson, J. P.	Kimball & Robinson,	32 Fulton St.	Auctioneers, Shoes, etc.
Robinson, Shadrach	S. Robinson & Co.	32 Canal St.	Flour Merchants,
Rogers, George	Douglas Axe Co.	19 Battery March St.	Treasurer,
Rogers, John P.	Callender, Rogers & Co.	168 Congress St.	Hardware Dealers,
Rollins, Eben. W.	Atkinson, Rollins & Co.	51 Central Whf.	Merchants,
Ropes, William	Wm. Ropes & Co.	25 Lewis Whf.	Merchants,
Rose, Alvin	Burbank & Rose,	95 Pearl St.	Wholesale Clothing Dlr.
Ruggles, Draper	Ruggles, Nourse, Mason & Co.	Quincy Hall,	Agricultural Warehouse,
Russell, Levi P.	Penniman, Foster & Russell,	9 Pearl St.	Shoe and Leather Dealers,
Russell, Edw. T., jr.	Russell & Tilton,	31 Long Whf.	Commission Merchants.

Safford, Joseph A.	Safford & Brooks,	1 Blackstone St.	Leath. & Find. Dealers,
Safford, James O.	James O. Safford,	17 Blackstone St.	Leather Dealer,
Sampson Charles	Phillips, Sampson, & Co.	13 Winter St.	Booksellers and Publish.
Sampson, George R.	Sampson & Tappan,	41 State St.	Merchants,
Sargent, Wingate P.	Anderson, Sargent & Co.	45 Kilby St.	Dry Goods Imp. and Job.
Sawyer, S. E.	Haughton, Sawyer & Co.	26 Pearl St.	Dry Goods Imp. and Job.
Scott, Charles	Burnham, Welton & Co.	96 Milk St.	Imp. & Com. Merchants,
Scudder, Charles	C. Scudder & Co.	93 Pearl St.	Hardware & Com Mer.
Scudder, C. W.	C. Scudder & Co.	93 Pearl St.	Hardware & Com. Mer.
Scudder, Harvey	H. Scudder & Co.	17 Commercial Wf.	Commission Merchant,
Sears, Eben	Hill, Sears & Co.	21 Commercial Wf.	Commission Merchants,
Sears, Joshua	Joshua Sears,	14 Long Wharf.	W. I. Goods Merchant,
Seccomb, E. R.	Seccomb & Taylor,	31 Commercial Wf.	Commission Merchants,
Shapley, F. A.	A. & A. Lawrence & Co.	82 Milk St.	Clerk,
Shaw, G. A.	George A. Shaw & Co.	93 Milk St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
Shelton, Philo S.	P. S. Shelton,	44 India Wharf.	Merchant,
Sherman, Elisha	Blanchard, Sherman & Co.	126 Commercial St.	Commission Merchants,
Silloway, Joseph.	Silloway, Calef & Co.	21 Commercial St.	Ship. Ag'ts & Com. Mer.
Simpson, M. H.	M. H. Simpson & Co.	31 Pearl St.	Ag'ts N. E. Worsted Co.
Skinner, Francis	F. Skinner & Co.	91 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Slade, Jarvis	Lawrence, Stone & Co.	4 Milk St.	Manuf. and Com. Mer.
Smith, Melancthon	Smith, Sumner & Co.	35 Milk St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
Snow, David	D. Snow & Co.	1 Commerce St.	Commission Merchants,
Spaulding, B. P.	B. P. Spaulding & Co.	114 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers,
Spaulding, S. R.	S. R. Spaulding,	78 Pearl St.	Hides & Leather D'lrs,
Spooner, William B.	Wm. B. Spooner & Co.	249 Congress St.	Hides & Leather D'lrs,
Sprague, Seth.	Seth Sprague,	40 State St.	Merchant,
Sprague, William	Sprague, Soule & Co.	10 T Wharf,	Plaster, &c. Merchants,
Stackpole, D. D.	Larkin & Stackpole,	43 Commercial Wf.	Commission Merchants,
Stanwood, Eben C.	Manning, Stanwood & Co.	15 Central Wharf.	W. I. Goods Merchants,
Stanwood, H. B.	H. B. Stanwood & Co.	253 Washington St.	Jewellers,

NAMES OF MEMBERS.	NAMES OF FIRM.	PLACE OF BUSINESS.	OCCUPATION.
Stanfield, M. M.	Stanfield, Wentworth & Co.	4 Pearl St.	Dry Goods Com. Mer.
Stearns, William	W. Stearns & Co.	9 Chatham St.	Wholesale Grocers,
Stedman, Daniel B.	D. B. Stedman & Co.	165 Milk St.	Crockery Dealers,
Stedman, Wm. M.	Wm. M. Stedman & Co.	91 Broad St.	W. I. Goods Merchants,
Stetson, A. W.	Atherton, Stetson & Co.	34 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers,
Stetson, Caleb	Caleb Stetson,	34 Pearl St.	Merchant,
Stevens, Paran	Revere House,	Court St.	Proprietor,
Stickney, Isaac C.	H. & I. Stickney,	8 Chatham Row,	Commission Merchants,
Stoddard, Charles	C Stoddard & J. S. Lovering,	33 Milk St.	Dry Goods Importers,
Stodder, H. F.	Thomas Groom & Co.	82 State St.	Stationers,
Stone, Artemas	Ruggles, Nourse, Mason & Co.	Quincy Hall.	Agricultural Warehouse,
Stone, Enos J.	Wetherell, Stone & Wood,	15 Federal St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
Stone, James	Fay, Jones & Stone,	94 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers,
Storer, R. B.	Robert B. Storer,	47 India Wharf,	Merchant,
Stratton, Ira	Stratton, Sheriff & Co.	22 Exchange St.	Brushes, &c. Merchants,
Strong, Alexander	Alexander Strong & Co.	61 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers,
Sumner, Austin	Austin Sumner & Co.	113 Milk St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
Sumner, F. A.	Sumners & Swift,	9 Commercial Whf.	Ship Chandlers,
Sumner, W. R.	Sumner & Co.	137 Washington St.	Crockery Dealers,
Sweetser, Fred. K.	Sweetser, Gookin & Co.	21 Federal St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
Taft, J. B.	John B. Taft,	21 Doane St.	Steel, &c Merchant,
Tapley, Amos P.	A. P. Tapley & Co.	15 Central St.	Shoe and Leather Dlr.
Tappan, John G.	Boston Belting Co.	37 Milk St.	Agent,
Tappan, Lewis W.	Sampson & Tappan,	41 State St.	Merchants,
Tenny, Wm. P.	Wm. P. Tenny & Co.	Bost.&Me.R.R. Dep	Carpet Dealers,
Thacher, Isaac	Fearing, Thacher & Whiton,	25 Commercial St.	Duck Merchants,
Thacher, Thomas	Thacher, Mitchell & Co.	6 Pearl St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
Thacher, W. S.	Thacher & Co.	79 State St.	Agent, O.C. Iron Co.
Thaxter, A. W., jr.	Bates & Co.	55 Commercial Wf.	Merchants,
Thaxter, Benjamin	Rice & Thaxter,	27 Long Whf.	Merchants,
Thayer, Frederick W.	E. Train & Co.	37 Lewis Whf.	Merchants,
Thayer, G. L.	George L. Thayer,	38 Central St.	Shoe and Leather Dlr.
Thayer, John E.	J. E. Thayer & Brother,	40 State St.	Stock and Exch. Broks.
Thayer, Nathaniel	J. E. Thayer & Brother,	40 State St.	Stock and Exch. Broks.
Thayer, Robert H.	Gardner & Thayer,	8 Liberty Sq.	Hardware Dealers,
Thomas, William	Webster Bank,	13 Exchange St.	President,
Thompson, A. G.	M. S. Lincoln & Co.	33 Water St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
Thorndike, James P.	James P. Thorndike,	14 Blakstone St.	Hides and Leather Dlr.
Thwing, S. C.	S. C. Thwing & Co.	8 Kilby St.	Commission Merchants,
Ticknor, Wm. D.	Ticknor, Reed & Fields,	135 Washington St.	Booksellers & Publishers
Tilton, John	Dutton, Richardson & Co.	29 Federal St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Job.
Tilton, Stephen, jr.	S. Tilton & Co.	10 Central Whf.	Commission Merehants,
Tobey, Edward S.	Phineas Sprague & Co.	36 Union Building,	Merchants,
Torrey, George W.	Geo. Torrey & Co.	25 So. Market St.	Wholesale Grocers,
Tower, W. A.	Tower, Davis & Co.	21 Charlestown St.	Flour Merchants,
Townsend, Elmer	Townsend, Mallard&Cowing	45 Pearl St.	Shoe and Leather Dlr.
Train, Enoch	E. Train & Co.	37 Lewis Whf.	Merchants,
Tucker, Alanson	Tucker, Newton & Mills,	25 Federal St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Tucker, Wm. W.	Upham, Tucker & Co.	13 Pearl St.	Dom. Goods Com Mer.
Tuckerman, G., jr.	Tuckerman, Townsend & Co.	48 Central Whf.	Merchants,
Tuttle, James S.	C. G. Loring & Co.	10 Merchants' Row,	Window Glass Mer.
Twombly, Alex. H.	Twombly & Lanison,	13 Custom House St.	Commission Merchants,
Tyler, John	John Tyler,	9 Central Whf.	Auctioneer,
Tyler, Joseph C.	J. C. Tyler & Co.	54 Chatham St.	Fruit Dealers,
Tyler, John	J. S. & W. C. Tyler,	28 State St.	Stock and Exch. Broks.
Tyler, Jerome W.	J. C. Tyler & Co.	54 Chatham.	Fruit Dealers.
Underwood, William	Wm. Underwood & Co.	7 Broad St.	Pickles &c. Manufacts.
Upham, Henry	Upham, Tucker & Co.	13 Pearl St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Upton, George B.	Geo. B. Upton,	9 Merchants' Exch.	Merchant,
Usher, Leonard B.	L. B. Usher & Co.	32 Pearl St.	Wholesale Clothiers.
Vaughn, Stetson	S. & J. Vaughn,	114 Pearl St.	Boot & Shoe Dealers,
Vose, G. H.	Vose & Southland,	60 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers,
Vose, H. M.	Turner & Vose,	9 Shoe&Leather St.	Leather Dealers.

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Wales, Thomas C.	T. C. Wales & Co.	29 Pearl St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers,
Walker, Nathaniel	Walker & Brother,	17 Merchants Row.	Merchants,
Warren, George W.	Geo. W. Warren & Co.	192 Washington St.	Dry Goods Imp. & Ret.
Ward, Andrew H. jr.	Ward & Boott,	116 Milk St.	Drysalters,
Ward, Samuel G.	Baring, Brothers & Co.	28 State St.	Agent,
Wason, Elbridge	Wason, Peirce & Co.	7 Chatham St.	W. I. Goods Merchants,
Waterston, Robert	Waterston, Deane & Co.	27 Federal St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Webster, David L.	D. L. Webster & Co.	9 Blackstone St.	Enameled Leat. Dealers,
Webster, Francis B.	Webster, Butler & Call,	36 Pearl St.	Wholesale Clothiers,
Weld, Aaron D.	Aaron D. Weld	127 State St.	Com. Mer. & Mdse Brok.
Weld, Wm. F.	William F. Weld & Co.	42 Central Wharf.	Merchants,
Wellman, Wm. A.	Samuel G. Ward,	28 State St.	Confidential Clerk,
Wentworth, P. H.	Stanfield, Wentworth & Co.	4 Pearl St.	Dry Goods Com. Mer.
Westcott, Stephen	S. Westcott and Son,	44 Fulton St.	Factory Leather Dealer,
Whall, Joseph B.	Field, Converse & Co.	12 Blackstone St.	Hides and Leath. Dealers,
Wheeler, Alex. B.	A. B. Wheeler & Co.	69 Broad St.	Crockery &c. Dealers,
Wheeler, James H.	James H. Wheeler & Co.	8 Central St.	Shoe & Leather Dealers,
Wheelright, J. W.	Chace, Wheelright & Co.	111 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
White, Francis A.	Guild, White & Co.	40 Nor. Market St.	Leather Dealers,
Whitman, E. P.	Wright & Whitman,	16 Pearl St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Whitmore, C. O.	Lombard & Whitmore,	85 State St.	Commission Merchants,
Whitney, Geo. A.	Whitney, Fenno & Co.	15 Pearl St.	Dry Goods Importers,
Whitney, Henry A.	J. Whitney & Co.	38 Pearl St.	Shoe Dealers,
Whitney, Joseph	J. Whitney & Co.	38 Pearl St.	Shoe Dealers,
Whitney, Seth D.	Whitney, Kendall & Co.	1 Fulton St.	Hides and Leath. Dealers,
Whitney, W. F.	W. F. Whitney & Son,	55 Chatham St.	Wholesale Druggists,
Whiton, Thomas F.	Whiton, Train & Co.	31 Commercial St.	Ship Chandlers,
Whitwell, Fred. A.	Whitwell, Marsh & Talbot,	130 Congress St.	Woollen Imp. and Job.
Wilder, Marshall P.	Parker, Wilder & Co.	5 Pearl St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Williams, Ebenezer	Williams, Bacon & Lund,	19 Fulton St.	Tanners & Leath. Dirs.
Williams, J. M. S.	Glidden & Williams.	29 Lewis Wharf.	Merchants,
Williams, Moses	J. D. M. Williams,	33 South Market St.	Wine Merchants,
Willis, Hamilton	Willis & Co.	25 State St.	Stock and Exch. Brokers,
Wilson, John, jr.	Wilson, Fairbank & Co.	43 Hanover St.	Druggists,
Winsor, Nathan'l, jr.	N. Winsor Jr. & Co.	2 Broad St.	Commission Merchants,
Winslow, Elisha D.	E. D. Winslow & Co.	9 India St.	W. I. Goods Merchants,
Winslow, George	Winslow Brothers,	114 State St.	Commission Merchants,
Wolcott, J. H.	A. & A. Lawrence & Co.	82 Milk St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Woolson, James A.	L. Claflin & Co.	17 Shoe & Leat. St.	Hides and Leat. Dealers,
Wright, Eben	Wright & Whitman,	16 Pearl St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Wright, John S.	Wright & Whitman,	16 Pearl St.	Dom. Goods Com. Mer.
Wright, John M.	Wright, Barnes & Co.	70 Broad St.	W. I. Goods Merchants,
Wyman, Edward.	Wyman & Arklay,	33 Pearl St.	Dry Goods Importers.

BOSTON, JANUARY, 1855.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRADE:

Gentlemen: The following thoughts are respectfully submitted by the undersigned as embodying a system which, if faithfully carried out, will, in his opinion, one day make our Board truly valuable and worthy of your liberal support.

The frequency with which the question is asked, "What is the Board of Trade, and what is it going to do?" is deemed a sufficient apology for presenting them at this time to your notice.

The BOSTON BOARD OF TRADE was incorporated according to the words of the Act, "for the purpose of promoting Trade and Commerce in the city of Boston and vicinity." By "Trade and Commerce" is understood the interchange of commodities for commodities; or the exchange of that portion of our products which exceeds our own consumption, for portions of the surplus product raised by others,—no matter where raised, whether in our own country or in other countries. The Home Trade and the Foreign Trade are alike if not equally valuable.

To effect this interchange there must be division of labor. There must be the producer, the transporter, the manufacturer, the merchant, the broker, the tradesman and the consumer,—and *the interests of all these* are considered as embraced under the general head of "Trade and Commerce," for the purpose of promoting which in the city of Boston and its vicinity this Board of Trade was created.

To *promote* trade and commerce, is to contribute to their growth, enlargement or excellence; and a Board of Trade is, in short, an assembly of merchants and traders, where everything which concerns these interests is entertained, discussed, decided upon, and action taken accordingly.

Among the principal interests to be considered we may mention:

Ways of Communication and Transport—in the interior by roads, rivers, canals and railways, and by telegraph and postal communication; in foreign intercourse, by lines of steamships and sailing packets,—and in connection with these subjects, insurance, tonnage, pilotage, seamen, Boston Harbor, Port regulations, &c.

Laws of the United States and of Massachusetts concerning navigation, revenue tariffs and everything affecting commerce, as usury, currency, money, exchange, &c.

Statistics of products, manufactures of all kinds, and their relative scale of importance; of imports, exports, tonnage, fisheries, &c.

General Subjects—as weights and measures, tribunals of commerce, arbitrations, treaties, tariffs of other countries, and many more.

And as interesting to all of us locally;

Judicious administration of the government of a city—

Health;

Conveniences as a place of residence and business;

Improvements, internal and external;

Pleasures ;
 Increase of population and territory ;
 New avenues to industry at home and to commerce abroad ;
 And whatever shall induce people to prefer the city to other places,
 either as a place of residence or of profit.

In all these subjects Boston has a deep interest, and what her true interest is, ought to be thoroughly searched out and made known and understood by all her merchants and tradesmen.

Many of these subjects are frequently brought up under one form or another in our National and State Legislatures, and it is of importance that our Representatives in those bodies should be provided with information and suggestions, that they may be able to act knowingly and efficiently, and without delay, for the advancement or defence, as the case may be, of our interests.

Accidents are constantly happening at sea, by which every year thousands of lives and millions of property are lost. How important to have accurate statistics of these losses, and of the causes of them, that a knowledge of them may provide security against accident !

Our ships visit the ports of all nations, and are subjected to many regulations, fines and expenses, which serve but to annoy. If they complain, there is no one to listen. Is not the Board of Trade of their own port the place where they should tell their story, and where all these grievances should be recorded, classed and presented clearly and distinctly, whenever deemed advisable, to our own government for its diplomatic action ?

Where should an equitable tariff of duties be made but in the Board of Trade of the country, where all interests are represented, and where the relative importance of all the interests involved should be ascertained and exhibited ?

Now to examine into these and many other subjects which might be mentioned, of equal importance, it is necessary that much industry, perseverance and ability should be employed.

To study the system or *want* of system of transport in the country, ascertain and make known imperfections and wants, keep statistics of the amount of capital invested, and, as far as possible, of the business done and the persons employed, in order to show the relative importance of this great interest, is no small labor.

And to obtain a knowledge of the Navigation Laws and Customs regulations of our own and of other countries, and of all laws affecting commerce, and to see how far these laws interfere to the benefit or injury of our trade, is certainly a work of laborious study and industry, and requires much practical knowledge.

Our vital interests in Boston Harbor and in our seamen, are not to be understood and watched over in a day, nor are valuable Reports upon the subjects of usury, money, currency and exchange to be made without a careful examination of the subjects, of what has been written upon them already, and a knowledge of facts and of history.

Statistics of products, of exports and imports, of manufactures of wool, cotton and leather, of clothing, furniture, jewelry, books, pianos, hardware,

agricultural implements, &c. &c., cannot be collected and systematized and presented in a form to be useful, without great perseverance and labor.

Nor can such improvements as are greatly needed in our system of weights and measures, the establishment of tribunals of commerce, the extension of the limits of our city, and the new avenues to industry at home and to commerce abroad, be advocated and presented to your notice, without having much time and study devoted to them.

Few of us can devote the time which is required to study these interests as they ought to be studied, or gather the facts and necessary statistics and arrange them systematically, in order that we may judge of the relative importance of the different interests among us; but it is nevertheless proposed to take up, one by one, all these subjects, as particular opportunity may offer, and to examine and report upon them in a manner which shall enable them to be understood, while more immediate attention will be given to seeking redress for existing grievances and to the attainment of any objects presented, involving the general interests of trade, which it might be difficult to attain by separate and individual exertion.

The Government of the Board of Trade should represent and be the efficient exponent of the wishes of its members; it should have the active co-operation of the members of the Board, and of all the merchants of Boston, and it is earnestly hoped they will give it their support, *that there will not be a single commercial firm in our city which is not represented among its members.*

The more the Board is identified with the commercial classes, the greater will be the moral power which it will exercise for the promotion of their interests, and thus sustained, it will exert a moral influence which it is not boasting to say will be felt through the length and breadth of the land.

ISAAC C. BATES, *Secretary.*